

Date: November 30, 2009
To: H1N1 Pediatric Providers
From: H1N1 Distribution Team

Re: H1N1 Fluzone MDV delivery and usage

Dear H1N1 Pediatric Provider,

Your practice should have recently received, or may receive within the next few days, H1N1 Fluzone multidose vials (MDV) for your patients. Please be advised that due to the limited supply of H1N1 Fluzone .25ml pre-filled syringes you will be required to use the MDV inventory for your entire population of 6 month - 5 year olds who cannot receive the H1N1 Intranasal Mist.

Children younger than 3 years of age can receive the MDV formulation, but it is to be delivered as a half dose (.25ml, not .5ml). You should still continue to prioritize injectable vaccines for those children who cannot receive the H1N1 Intranasal vaccine. H1N1 Intranasal vaccine may be used with your 2-5 years of age population without medical contraindications for the vaccine.

Should you have any questions, please free to email them to <u>Vacman@health.ri.gov</u>. This email account is monitored daily for any issues that may need to be addressed.

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